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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 1216

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-17-251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE
3 PRODUCERS HOLDING PROPERTY AND CASUALTY LICENSES; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 83-17-251, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 83-17-251. (1) Every individual seeking to be licensed as a
9 life, health and accident insurance producer in the State of
10 Mississippi, as a condition of issuance of an original license,
11 must furnish the Commissioner of Insurance certification on a form
12 prescribed by the commissioner that he or she has completed an
13 approved prelicensing course of study for the line of insurance
14 requested.

15 (2) The prelicensing course of study hours shall consist of
16 no less than twenty-four (24) classroom hours for life and/or
17 health/accident insurance or property and casualty insurance.
18 Twelve (12) classroom hours are required on life only; and twelve
19 (12) classroom hours are required for health/accident only.

20 (3) Every individual seeking annual renewal of life, health
21 and accident licenses, or annual renewal of property and casualty
22 licenses, shall complete satisfactorily twelve (12) hours of study
23 in approved courses in his primary line of insurance during each
24 twelve-month period except the initially licensed year. The
25 individual may take an additional twelve (12) hours in his
26 secondary line of insurance. All holders of a property and
27 casualty license shall be required to satisfactorily complete
28 three (3) hours of flood insurance study every three (3) years

29 which may be applied towards their continuing education
30 requirements.

31 (4) The continuing educational requirements of this section
32 shall not apply to:

33 (a) Any individual that is exempt from taking the
34 written examination as provided in Section 83-17-39(1)(b), (c) and
35 (e) * * *;

36 (b) Any individual that is licensed with a license
37 limited to industrial life, industrial health and accident, small
38 loan property, industrial fire and full-coverage auto;

39 (c) A person not a resident of this state who meets the
40 continuing educational requirement in the state in which such
41 person resides and Mississippi has a reciprocal agreement with
42 that state; or

43 (d) Inactive agents as defined in Section 83-17-1.

44 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
45 and after July 1, 2006.